

Victorian Order Plans Fall Dance

COBALT — Cobalt - Coleman Branch of the V.O.N. held their monthly meeting on Monday evening, October 20, in the Federal Building. Mr. A. Moss chaired the meeting in the absence of the president, Mrs. T. J. Duncan.

A letter was read from the Director in Chief of the V.O.N. Miss Christine Livingston, dealing with the home-makers and nurses services act, which became effective August 1, 1958.

The Hallowe'en Masquerade Dance, which is to be held in the Cobalt Community Hall on October 31, was discussed and final arrangements concerning this were completed.

Miss Gwen Miller V.O.N., presented her monthly report. In September, 107 total visits were made, of these, 55 were V.O.N. home nursing care and 52 were Temiskaming Unit Health Instruction.

On September 22 the Health Unit held an immunization Clinic at the Community Hall, when 95 preschool children were immunized. One hundred and sixty-five school children also received immunization. Dr. E. R. Harris was in charge of the Clinic.

The second Clinic was held on October 20, and the third Clinic will be held on November 17. In September, Miss Miller visited the Northwood Camp for crippled children.

Miss Cameron, supervisor of the Temiskaming Health Unit visited the school in preparation of the school health program.

Cobalt Personals

Mr. Tom Davis, Rouyn, formerly of Mileage 104, is visiting friends and renewing acquaintances in town.

Mrs. Isabell Fildes has returned to her home Mileage 104, Cobalt, from Oshawa, she was accompanied by her niece, Miss Alice Johnson from Oshawa.

Mrs. A. Shepherd, President of the Grand Camp Daughters of Scotland of Toronto, and Mrs. I. Lees, Past President of the Grand Camp of Toronto, visited Mrs. A. P. Orr in town on Saturday.

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Wednesday	59	33
Thursday	62	48
Friday	56	35
Saturday	52	35
Sunday	61	31
Monday	65	37
Tuesday	66	49

Haileybury Startled

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it is obvious that only by bringing public pressure on the MOH and his department will they be persuaded of the necessity for legislation.

"Patients who do drink are not necessarily alcoholics," he pointed out, "and most are, in ordinary life, what we call social drinkers, who because of boredom and lack of other interests turn to alcohol, where it is readily available.

"I feel that there should be adequate legislation either to prevent them getting drunk," he said, "or to provide means of restricting the liberty of those who obviously are devoid of social conscience and who disturb and retard the healing of others."

"My only regret" said the doctor, "is that my comments have resulted in the turning of a pitiless spotlight on St. Mary's by a paper which didn't have sufficient interest in public welfare to make even a sketchy investigation of my statement. Although incidents quoted by me did in fact happen, the prominence given to certain incidents, for the sake of sensationalism has obscured the fact that drinking is in truth a serious problem, not only in Haileybury, but in sanatoria across the province."

"Present legislation in Ontario does not give any sanatorium superintendent assistance in maintaining discipline," explained Dr. Wallace, "no police may be called in to arrest a noisy or boisterous person, no means of isolation or confinement is provided. The only possible action is the dismissal of the unruly from the hospital."

"Hospital personnel agree that this is not the answer," he continued, "for it liberates a carrier of a highly infectious disease on the public, or, at best, moves him to another sanatorium where he is still a problem patient."

"There is plenty of evidence," the doctor said, "to prove, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that drinking in Ontario sanatoria is a serious problem, and I am not the only person who feels that the futile suggestion of 'sitting down and showing love and kindness' to a drunk, made by Dr. McKinnon Phillips, Ontario MOH, shows how ignorant and hopelessly out of touch he is with the situation."

Dr. Wallace said that other countries and at least one Canadian province provide detention quarters for unruly patients, and pointed out that even Ontario had started an experiment in Ft. William Sanatorium with detention quarters there.

From sources comes the statement that Dr. Wallace's report of drunken parties every Saturday night at the San is "grossly exaggerated" made by Dr. W. J. Houghtling superintendent, and by Clayton Dunn, comptroller.

Both said that drinking in these institutions has been more or less a province-wide problem for years, since patients from every walk of life come to be treated.

No drunken parties, however, have been reported to the authorities in Haileybury.

Mayor Arthur Cooke of Haileybury said the statements in the Toronto dailies came as a surprise to him. "The patients are sent here treatment," he pointed out, "and the medical personnel does everything possible to help them, but after all this is a sanatorium, not a prison, and if patients chose to disregard rules, there is very little that can be

BERT OUGH



who has been connected with northern volunteer fire departments for many years, was elected president of the Temiskaming Firemen's Association at the 43rd convention held in Haileybury this week.

done, since no disciplinary measures are available, and they cannot be dismissed, since the disease they carry is communicable.

Dr. Houghtling admitted that some patients have been drunk, but said that such instances are usually around Christmas time and New Years.

He also said that provincial legislation does not give sanatorium authorities or police power to cope with drunkenness among the patients.

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H & S Association

The Haileybury Home and School Association held their first meeting of the season in the lower hall of the school on Tuesday evening October 21, with an attendance of approximately sixty.

The principal of the high school, G. L. Cassidy, introduced first, his

staff, and then the new principal of the public school, C. E. Blackwell, who in turn, introduced the public school teachers.

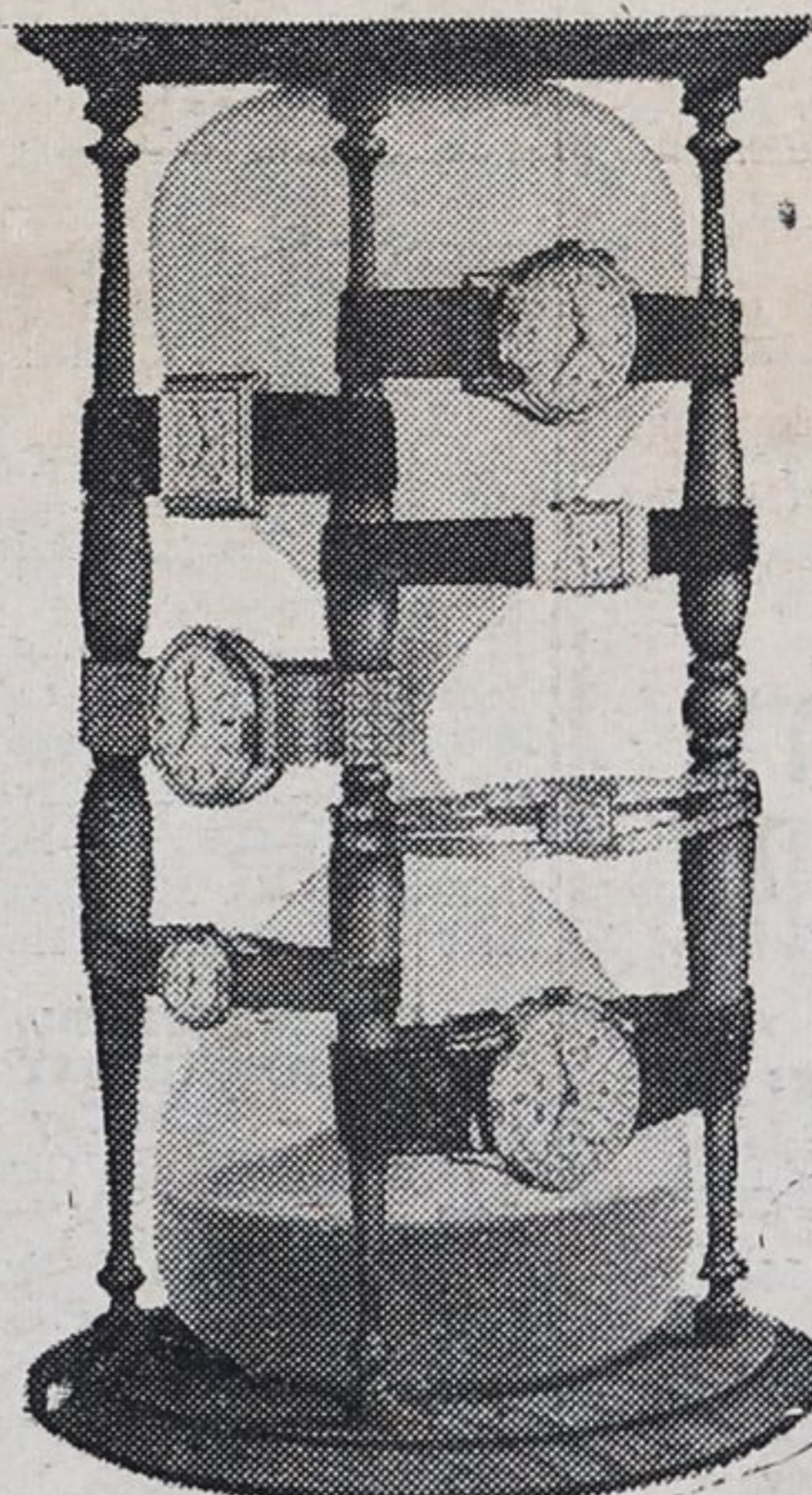
A film, "Family Circles," was shown; following a short business session, and a social hour, during which lunch was served in the home economics room, gave parents and teachers an opportunity to become acquainted.

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